

22nd September
2023



St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

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	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
Benedict	Aubrey and Luey	Bobbie
Finch	Erin M and Maddie	Jamie
Haydock	Jenson and Noah	Alicja
Marsden	George and Nora	Oliver B
Mary	Evie and Miley	Dominic
Rigby	Aurora and Petra	Aarav
Southworth	Daniyal and Ebony	Declan
Ward	Charlie and Elektra	Tristan
Woodcock	Tyler and Iga	Hannah-Leigh



Parent Communication - The new school website is up and running and we ask that parents and carers log on to create an account. We sent a message yesterday with instructions on how to do this. Over the next few weeks we will start to communicate with you via the school website and by Friday 20th October we will no longer be using the school app - PA Connect.

Harvest Celebration - Please come and support our Children's Harvest Celebration this Sunday 24th September at 9:30am in church. Children are asked to bring a gift of food to take up in the offertory, for those who are less fortunate. Any small contribution is very welcome, we look forward to seeing you.



Great Punctuality! - We have started the year really good with regards to getting to school on time. Well done to those who have struggled in the past! Please remember if your child is late it not only impacts on their learning, it causes embarrassment to them walking into class late and also disrupts the adults and other children in their class.

National Coding Week - This week we celebrated National Coding Week, which is an annual event that aims to promote the importance of learning digital skills and takes place on the third Monday in September. We have had lots of fun celebrating the event and have looked at different level of coding including giving instructions to computers, designing algorithms and creating and following codes like robots.



ECO Club - Thank you to all the children who wrote letters to apply to the ECO Club. Mrs Lowe was overwhelmed with the positive response this year! ECO Club is currently open for Key Stage 2 children, although we may open it up to Key Stage 1 children later in the year.

Congratulations to the successful candidates: Lily and Aryia (Marsden Class), Hannah and Oliver (Mary Class), Harlow and Callum (Rigby Class), Riley and Lexi (Southworth Class), Jessica and Amelia (Ward Class), Michelle and Hallie (Woodcock Class).

We are starting the year with a trip to Leyland next Friday with the launch of 'The Clean Air Crew' hosted by South Ribble Borough Council. If you child is in ECO Club, you will receive a letter next week detailing the trip and will receive a photo permission letter.

Parents' Evening – This will be on Wednesday 18th October 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Bookings for Parents' Evening are made via the school website which will go live on Monday 2nd October.

School Admissions 2024 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 opened on Friday 1st September 2023.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery or in Year 6 please apply for their school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school.

The national closing dates for applications are:

- Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants
- Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School Open Evening - This will be on Wednesday 27th September from 5:00pm. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend along with their parents and carers. If you wish to listen to the headteacher talk please visit their website and book on. If you want to look around you don't need to book, just turn up.